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ANNUAL  
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FOR THE YEAR 1957

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HECKMONDWIKE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

(as at December 31st 1957)

Chairman - Councillor G.W.BARNES

Chairman of Public Health Committee -

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Councillor J.V.THORNTON



TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
HECKMONDWIKE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr.Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1957.

Once more the statistics show little change from the previous year, except in the case of Infant Mortality. There were four deaths of infants under 1 year compared with 2 in each of the two previous years. Of these 4 were due to causes which, theoretically should have been preventable. It will be seen from the statistics that the population of the District has varied very little in the last 30 years.

The causes of death and the age distribution also show no significant change from recent years.

An outbreak of Measles occurred in the first quarter of the year, the number of cases notified being equal to the highest previously recorded (in 1953). The age distribution was similar to previous outbreaks, the majority of cases occurring in children between 2 and 10 years of age. There were no fatal cases. The number of Dysentery cases was small, but there was a rise in cases of Food Poisoning, due to a small outbreak which is recorded in the report on Infectious Diseases. There were no cases of Poliomyelitis during the year.

The scheme of inoculation against Poliomyelitis, which was introduced by the Ministry of Health in 1956 was continued. In January the Ministry stated that family doctors were to have the opportunity to take part in the scheme; parents were then given the choice of taking their children to the family doctor or to the Local Authority Clinic. The first batch of vaccine was not received until March and at first only children born between 1947 and 1954 had been eligible for inoculation, but in May the Ministry extended the age groups to children born in 1955 and 1956. During the year inoculations were completed for 269 children.

The demand by expectant mothers for confinement in hospital or maternity home continues to be heavy. 77% of all births occurred in these institutions.

There was a further increase in the attendances at the Infant Welfare Clinic and the special "Toddlers" Clinic continues to be popular.

The work of the Mental Health Section continues in importance and while much time is spent by the social worker in supervising the welfare of Mental Defectives, all too little time is available to provide service to the adult mentally sick.

The work of the Sanitary Services is shown in the details recorded by the Public Health Inspector and as in previous years considerable attention has been paid to Rodent Control. The Public Health Inspector is also Housing Officer and much of his time is taken up with this subject. Progress in Slum Clearance has to be co-related to the building of new houses, the number of which was just over half of the previous year.

I am again indebted to Mr.J.Clark, the Council's Public Health Inspector, for compiling the sections dealing with the Sanitary Services, Housing and Refuse Collection and Disposal. I have also to thank Miss K.Lister, Chief Clerk in the Divisional Health Office for her assistance in the preparation of this report.

I am,

Mr.Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

J.F.CAITHNESS.

Medical Officer of Health.





## S T A F F

Medical Officer of Health and Divisional Medical Officer -

West Riding C.C.-

J.F.CAITHNESS, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Assistant Medical Officer for Maternity and Child Welfare --

+ GERALD CASTLE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

+ FREDA M.COX, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

+ AGNES M.MATHESON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (part-time)

Sanitary Inspectors -

JAMES CLARK, M.S.I.A.

R.T.POLLARD, M.S.I.A.

Health Visitor and School Nurse -

+ Miss ETHEL DAY, S.R.N., H.V.(New Cert)

District Nurse -

+ MISS J.LEWIS, S.R.N.

District Midwife -

+ MRS.E.SANDFORD, C.S.M.

Mental Health Social Worker (Part-time)

+ MRS.M.M.de la COUR

Day Nursery -

+ MRS.EDITH MAIR, S.R.N. (Matron)

+ MRS.MARGARET M.STANLEY, S.R.N., (nee LARGEY) (Deputy Matron)

+ 1 WARDEN

+ 2 NURSERY NURSES

+ On the Staff of the West Riding County Council.

## GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in Acres)	...	...	696
Population (Census, 1951)	...	...	8657
Population (Registrar-General's Estimate).			8620
Number of inhabited houses	...	...	3074
Number of separate families	...	...	3220
Rateable value	...	...	£74208
Product of Penny Rate...	...	...	£279.5.8d.





# VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS - the Net Live Births (81 Male, 65 Female) ... 146

The Birth Rate is therefore 16.9

STILL-BIRTHS - Number (3 Male, 2 Female) ... 5

Rate per 1,000 Total Births 33.1

Rate per 1,000 Civilian Population 0.58

DEATHS - Totalled (51 Male, 56 Female) ... 107

Giving a Death Rate of 12.4

## MATERNAL MORTALITY -

No death was returned

## INFANTILE MORTALITY -

Deaths of Children under One Year number (1 Male  
3 Females) 4

Giving an Infantile Mortality Rate of 27.4

DIARRHOEA UNDER TWO YEARS - One death was returned.

## Comparative Figures -

Rate per 1,000 Civilian Population	England and Wales			Heckmondwike.			
	1956	1957	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
Live Births	15.6	15.6	17.9	12.2	13.5	16.1	16.9
Deaths (all causes)	11.7	11.7	13.0	12.1	12.6	12.0	12.4
Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Stillbirths:-							
Still Births	23.0	23.0	0.47	0.47	0.1	0.6	0.58
Rate per 1,000 Live Births-							
Infantile Mortality	23.8	23.8	13.0	19.0	17.2	14.5	27.4

Year	Birth Rate	Death Rate	Infant Mortality Rate	Population
1930	14.6	13.0	54	8830
1931	15.2	14.2	65	9071
1932	14.8	14.1	45	9009
1933	11.5	13.9	116	8974
1934	12.4	13.1	63	8964
1935	13.5	14.3	41	8948
1936	13.1	13.1	34	8901
1937	12.2	15.5	74	8848
1938	13.7	14.9	50	8758
1939	13.0	13.7	34.4	8991
1940	11.9	15.1	58.8	8487
1941	13.9	14.0	58.0	8459
1942	17.4	13.2	55.9	8186
1943	14.2	12.8	26.1	7956
1944	17.4	15.2	7.1	8108
1945	15.3	15.3	75.0	7844
1946	17.0	14.4	61.4	8270
1947	24.6	15.1	33.8	8588
1948	17.2	11.8	61.0	8624
1949	16.7	13.2	74.8	8795
1950	16.8	12.2	20.1	8864
1951	15.9	16.7	51.1	8622
1952	14.8	13.9	31.5	8372
1953	17.9	13.0	13.0	8596
1954	12.2	12.1	19.0	8600
1955	13.5	12.6	17.2	8580
1956	16.1	12.0	14.5	8590
1957	16.9	12.4	27.4	8620

# CAUSES OF DEATH IN HECKMONDWIKE 1957

Ages at Death

Causes of Death	Under 1 Month	1 month and under 6 months	6 months and under 1 year	1 and under 2	2 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and upwards	TOTAL
Tuberculosis, respiratory	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
do. other	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Syphilitic disease	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Meningococcal infections	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Acute Poliomyelitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Measles	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other infective and parastic diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2
" " lung, bronchitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	5
" " breast	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" " uterus	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	6	10
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diabetes	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	24	29
Coronary disease, Angina	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	11	20
Hypertension with heart disease	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Other heart disease	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	19	20
Other circulatory disease	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Influenza	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Pneumonia	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	5
Bronchitis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	5
Other diseases of the respiratory system	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea.	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hyperplasia of prostate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Congenital malformations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other defined and illdefined diseases	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5
Motor vehicle accidents	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
All other accidents	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Suicide	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Homicide and Operations of war	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	26	76	108

## Causes of Infant Deaths:-

Acute Otitis Media	...	...	...	1
Prematurity	...	...	...	2
Pncumonia	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	...	4

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL HEALTH  
AUTHORITY (WEST RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL.)

D A Y N U R S E R Y

The Day Nursery, at Cemetery Road, has given excellent service throughout the year.

Accommodation is available for forty children. Staff consists of Matron, Deputy Matron, Nurses and Domestic Staff. Hours of duty 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., Weekdays.

Children are provided with milk about 9.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Mid-day dinner and a light snack in the early afternoon.

Training of the children is effected through their play activities and through their social contacts with each other.

A T T E N D A N C E S												
Average Daily Attendance	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Under 2	4	5	6	5	7	7	7	5	6	6	9	10
Over 2	19	23	17	18	21	19	18	15	20	21	21	18
Number of days open	22	19	21	20	17	18	23	22	16	23	21	18

PROMOTION of CLEANLINESS and ELIMINATION  
of VERMINOUS CONDITIONS

Regular inspections are carried out in the schools by the Health Visitor, and advice given to the parents regarding cleansing.

A special Hair Oil is now used for verminous conditions of the head due to lice and nits. Opportunity for re-infestation occurs most frequently during school vacations, and treatment was most successful where standards of maternal care were high.



# HEALTH VISITING

Number of Visits paid during the year by the Health Visitor:-

(a) To Expectant Mothers	...	....	....	....	25
(b) To Children under 1 year...	....	....	....	....	441
(c) To Children 1 to 2 years...	....	....	....	....	104
(d) To children 2 to 5 years...	....	....	....	....	181

## School Nursing Duties

Visits to Schools	....	....	....	....	....	..	128
Visits to Homes	....	....	....	....	....	..	26

## School Clinic

The West Riding County Council is the Administrative Authority in this Area for School Medical Services, including the School Clinic. The Medical Officer of Health attends weekly for consultation.

Number of Scholars who attend the Clinic . . . . . 141

Infant Welfare Centre

Total number of attendances during the year by children who at the date of attendance were:-

Under 1 year	....	....	....	....	....	....	2304
1 but under 2 years	....	....	....	....	....	....	355
2 but under 5 years	....	....	....	....	....	....	490

Total number of children who attended the Centre for the first time during the year, and who on the date of their first attendance were:-

Under 1 year . . . . . 135

Total number of children attending the Centre during the year and who were born in:-

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## DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

Domestic Helps are provided, as the supply of personnel allows, for all types of sickness in the home, but absolute priority is given to Maternity Cases. As the service is controlled on a Divisional Basis, Domestic Helps resident outside Heckmondwike have been available for duty within the District.

Total No. of Home Help Cases in Heckmondwike in 1957	...	...	63	(66)
Maternity	...	...	3	(9)
Non-Maternity	...	...	60	(57)
Total No. of hours	...	...	9290 $\frac{3}{4}$	(9953 $\frac{3}{4}$ )
Maternity	...	...	236	(571 $\frac{1}{2}$ )
Non-Maternity	...	...	9054 $\frac{3}{4}$	(9382 $\frac{1}{4}$ )
Total No. of Home Helps employed	...	...	26	(22)
Resident in Heckmondwike.	...	...	16	(12)
Non-resident in Heckmondwike.	...	...	10	(10)

The figures in brackets refer to the previous year.

## MENTAL HEALTH

The services of the Mental Health Social Worker are shared by Health Division (No.15 Batley and Heckmondwike) and Health Division No.17 (Spenborough and Mirfield).

### Mental Deficiency:-

	Male	Female
Placed under Statutory Supervision	2	1
Admitted to Institution	1	-
Visits to cases under Guardianship	-	-
Visits to cases under Statutory Supervision	208	218
Visits to cases under Voluntary Supervision	2	2
Reports furnished to Institutions	10	7

### Mental Treatment:-

Discharged from Hospital	4	4
Visits paid	137	168
Reports furnished to Hospitals and Clinics	6	8

## AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The Ambulance Service is provided by the West Riding County Council under the terms of the National Health Service Act, 1946.



## WATER SUPPLY

The area is supplied with water by the Dewsbury and Heckmondwike Water Board. The water is moorland surface water supplied direct from the mains to each house in the area, and during the year has been sufficient in quantity. The reports on samples of water submitted by the Engineer to the Board show the following results.

Source of Samples	No. of Samples taken	Number	
		Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory
Broadstone Reservoir (raw water)	12	10	2
Whitley Reservoir (Inlet) (chlorinated)	51	51	-
Whitley Reservoir (Outlet) (before re-chlorination)	51	48	3
Staincliffe Gauge Basin (chlorinated)	51	51	-

Samples of water taken by the Department during the year:-

Bacteriological - 8 samples taken from the mains supply to dwellinghouses. All satisfactory.

Plumbo-solvency - 4 samples taken (2 after standing in the pipe overnight and 2 after standing in the pipe for a measured period of  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour)  
No lead content.

Sixty-seven visits have been made in connection with water supply to dwellinghouses. In consequence of informal action taken improved water supply was provided for 26 houses.

## Sewerage and Drainage

There has been no extension of existing sewers, and no alterations at the sewage disposal works during the year.

In connection with nuisances arising from defective drains and drainage appliances:-

19 informal Notices have been served.

14 informal Notices have been complied with.  
and

4 Statutory Notices have been served.

4 Statutory Notices have been complied with.

For the purpose of investigating nuisances arising from drainage defects, and for the inspection and testing of drains 240 visits have been made.

## Closet Accommodation

During the year 30 water closets have been constructed in connection with new property, and 7 additional closets have been provided for existing dwellinghouses. Two trough closets were converted to wash-down closets.

Defects or nuisances in connection with closet accommodation							
Found	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Informal notices served	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Informal notices complied with	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Statutory notices served	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Statutory notices complied with	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

One nuisance in connection with a water closet was abated by the Council in default of the Owner.

Thirty-nine inspections have been made in this connection.

## Nuisances

Number of complaints received	...	...	...	...	47
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The comparatively few complaints received during the year were in respect of structural defects, choked drains and defective closets, and reference to action taken is made in sections of this report dealing with "Sewerage and Drainage", "Closet Accommodation" and "Housing".

## Control of Infestation

No evidence of bed bug infestation has been found during routine inspection of dwellinghouses. Eight visits have been made in consequence of advice sought in respect of insect pests. These visits, with one exception which concerned bees in the roof space of a building, were in respect of infestations by earwigs.

## Rodent Control

The following is a report of the Rodent Control Work carried out during the year ended the 31st March, 1957:-

Number of properties inspected as a result of -	Local Authority	Dwelling houses	Agricultural	All other (including) Business Premises	Total
(a) Notification	-	18	-	11	29
(b) Survey under the Act	11	17	11	30	69
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	-	138	-	116	254
Total Inspections carried out, including re-inspections.	13	175	11	158	357
Number of properties found to be infested by -					
(a) Rats- Major	1	-	-	-	1
Minor	3	1	1	29	34
(b) Mice -Major	-	-	-	1	1
Minor	-	24	2	4	30
Number of infested properties treated by L.A.	4	24	-	34	62
Total treatments carried out including re-treatments	6	27	-	37	70
Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	-	-	-	-	3



## Sewer Infestation

An experimental direct poison treatment of the sewer system using sodium fleuracetate (1080) was concluded in May with a census check. The treatment was estimated to have achieved an 89% "kill", with little following "build-up" of infestation over a period of six months.

After a lapse of a further five months, that is, in October, a Warfarin treatment of the sewers was undertaken. This was applied to all sections of the system which showed infestation in a test bait done in March, 1956, and which included all manholes found to be infested in the final census of the sodium fleuracetate treatment. Bait bags of mutton cloth were used in manholes where bait had previously been washed away, and of the 17 placed, 9 were used successfully by the rats.

A comparison of manholes showing "takes" at (a) Test Bait, 1956, and (b) Warfarin Treatment, 1957, is as follows:-

	(a) <u>1956</u>	(b) <u>1957</u>
Number of manholes showing "take"	55	30
Number of manholes showing "Complete take"	29	18

The sodium fleuracetate treatment appears to have reduced the number of infested manholes to the lowest yet. Subsequent test/treatments will be carried out to measure the efficiency of the Warfarin treatment.

## Smoke Abatement

Eight observations, each of thirty minutes' duration, were made of factory chimneys in the District. No excessive emission of black smoke or nuisance was noted.

## Moveable Dwellings

No caravan has been stationed in the District during the year.\*

## INSPECTION OF FACTORIES

The following Tables give the prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948.

### Part 1 of the Act

(1) Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health:

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	12	11	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	91	43	4	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	6	6	-	-
TOTAL	109	60	4	-

(2) Cases in which defects were found:

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Rem- edied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspect- or	By H.M. Inspect- or	
Want of cleanliness (Sec 1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (Sec.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable tem- perature (Sec.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (Sec.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (Sec.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conven- iences (Sec.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	19	10	-	3	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences against the Act (not including of- fences to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	19	10	-	3	-

#### Means of Escape in Case of Fire

Eight visits were made to factories in connection with the adequacy of means of escape in case of fire.

Two new Certificates were issued in this connection.

#### INSPECTION OF SHOPS

Forty-five inspections have been made of shops in connection with the health provisions of the Shops Act, 1950. No contraventions were found.

#### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Refuse collection is in operation throughout the whole of the District, two refuse vehicles of 7 cu.yard capacity being used.

The Staff employed comprises:-

- 2 Driver/Loaders.
- 5 Loaders
- 1 Part-time Tip Attendant (with mechanical aid)
- 1 Part-time Paper Baler

The average frequency of collection throughout the District was once in every 9 days.

Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping on land adjacent to the Council Sewage Works.

Number of dustbins in use	...	...	...	3288
Number of ashpits in use	...	...	...	33



	T.	c.	q.	lbs.
Total weight of refuse collected	2275.	15.	0.	0.
Average weight of refuse per home	14.	3.	5.	

The net cost of the collection and disposal of refuse amounts to £4,822. 8. 2d. giving a cost of:-

£1. 11. 4½d. per house
£ 540. 14. 11d. per thousand population
£2. 3. 5d. per ton

The following is a summary of salvage collected and sold during the year:-

	T.	c.	q.
Mixed Waste Paper ... ..	63.	3.	2.
Light scrap ... ..	9.	13.	3.
The value of salvage materials sold	£536.	15.	2d.

No exceptional difficulty has been experienced during the year in connection with labour, the number of man hours lost being as follows:-

Sickness ... ..	609½
Absenteeism .. ...	149

In connection with arrangements for refuse collection and salvage 240 visits were made.

During the year 260 visits were made regarding storage accommodation for refuse, and in this connection:-

- 69 Informal Notices, and
- 1 Statutory Notice was served
- 61 Informal Notices, and
- 3 Statutory Notices were complied with.

Number of defective dustbins replaced ... ..	131
Number of additional dustbins provided... ..	22

## HOUSING

### Overcrowding

	Dwellings	Families	Persons
Number of cases of overcrowding at end of 1956	39	42	220
Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during 1957	4	4	34
Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during 1957	16	18	106
Number of cases of overcrowding at the end of 1957	27	28	148

### Erection of Houses

During the year 30 new dwellinghouses, made up as follows, were completed and occupied:-

#### Local Authority -

Traditional type (2 bedrooms) ... ..	12
Traditional type (3 bedrooms) ... ..	6

#### Private Enterprise -

Traditional type ... ..	12
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## Re-housing

The number of houses let by the Council during the year was 46 and the number of persons re-housed was 178.

During the year one exchange between a Council Estate house and a privately owned house has been authorised.

## Demand for houses

At the end of the year the number of applicants registered on the Ordinary Housing List was 287 being an increase of 30 on the number registered at the end of 1955. The number of applicants for Aged Persons Dwellings was 62.

## Supervision of Existing Housing Accommodation

### 1. Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwellinghouses, inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... ..	182
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	441
(2)	(a)	Number of dwellinghouses, (included under sub-head (1) above, which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations ... ..	130
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	130
(3)		Number of dwellinghouses needing further action:-	
	(a)	Number considered to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... ..	32
	(b)	Number (excluding those in sub-head (3) (a) above) found not to be in all respects	127

### II. Remedy of Defects during year without service of Formal Notices:-

(a)	Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ...	11
(b)	Number of defective dwellinghouses (excluding those shown in (a) above in which defects were remedied as a result of informal action ... ..	80

### III. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-

#### A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16, Housing Act, 1936:-

(i)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which formal notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
(ii)	Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
	(a) By Owners ... ..	Nil
	(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... ..	1



B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts:

(i) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ..	9
(ii) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	
(a) By Owners ... ..	28
(b) By Local Authority in default of owner	2

C. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(i) Number of representations, etc. made in respect of dwellinghouses unfit for habitation	15
(ii) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ..	12
(iii) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.. ...	6
(iv) Number of dwellinghouses demolished voluntarily in consequence of informal action	6
(v) Any action under Sections 10 and 11 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions), Act, 1953 ... ..	2 closing orders made

D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(i) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ..	1
(ii) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms, the Closing Orders in respect of which were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... ..	Nil

E. Proceedings under Part III of the Housing Act, 1936, and the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954:-

(i) Number of Clearance Areas represented during the year ... ..	2
(ii) Number of houses included in these areas	13
(iii) Number of persons to be displaced ...	26
(iv) Action taken during the year in respect of Clearance Areas:-	
(i) by Clearance Orders, number made ...	2
(ii) by Compulsory Purchase Orders, number made ... ..	Nil
(v) Number of houses in Clearance Areas demolished during the year ... ..	18
(vi) Number of persons rehoused from houses demolished during the year ... ..	54

#### IV. Housing Act, 1949:-

##### Section 4 - Advance of money to persons for the purpose of acquiring houses:-

(a) Number of houses in respect of which advances were made ... ..	24
(b) Total amount of money advanced ...	£14,855

#### V. Housing Act, 1949, as amended by Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954:-

##### Grants to persons other than local authorities for improvement of housing accommodation:-

(a) Number of houses in respect of which Improvements Grants were made ...	9
(b) Total amount of grants made ...	£714. 10. 0.

#### VI. Rent Acts - Certificates of Disrepair:-

##### A. Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 (Section 26):

(i) Number of applications for certificates	Nil
(ii) Number of certificates granted ....	Nil
(iii) Number of certificates refused ...	Nil
(iv) Number of applications for revocation of certificates ... ..	Nil
(v) Number of revocation certificates granted	Nil

##### B. Rent Act, 1957:

##### Part I. - Applications for Certificates of Disrepair:

1. Number of applications for certificates	17
2. Number of decisions not to issue certificates	Nil
3. Number of decisions to issue certificates	
(a) in respect of some but not all defects	15
(b) in respect of all defects ... ..	Nil
4. Number of undertakings given by landlords under para. 5 of the First Schedule ...	1
5. Number of undertakings refused by local authority under proviso to para. 5 of the First Schedule ... ..	Nil
6. Number of Certificates issued ... ..	11

##### Part II - Applications for Cancellation of Certificates

7. Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificates ... ..	Nil
8. Objections by tenants to cancellation of certificates ... ..	Nil
9. Decisions by local authority to cancel in spite of tenant's objection ... ..	Nil
10. Certificates cancelled by Local Authority.	Nil

#### VII. Repair of Dwellinghouses:-

##### Summary of defects remedied:-

Chimney stacks repaired ... ..	5
Leaking roofs repaired ... ..	26
Defective eavesgutters repaired . ... ..	22
Defective rainwater fallpipes repaired. ... ..	17
Defective brickwork(walls) and/or pointing repaired ... ..	11
Defective pointing around window frames renewed..	33
Defective pointing around door frames renewed ...	13
Defective putty pointing of window glazing renewed	25
Defective window woodwork repaired or renewed ...	28



Defective door woodwork repaired or renewed ... ..	16
Defective paving repaired. ... ..	2
Defective and/or choked drains cleansed/ repaired... ..	17
Defective ceiling plaster repaired...	9
Defective wall plaster repaired ...	11
Defective flag floors repaired ...	5
Defective woodwork of floors repaired/ renewed ... ..	4
Defective fire ranges repaired.. ...	4
Defective chimney flues repaired ...	5
Broken window sash cords renewed ...	28
Dampness remedied ... ..	2
Defective sinks replaced.. ...	6
Defective sink waste pipes repaired.	6
Inadequate water supply improved ...	26
Defective water closet structure repaired... ..	8
Defective water closet flushing cisterns repaired... ..	2
Burst water service pipes repaired .	1
Broken water closet pedestals renewed	5
Broken water closet seats renewed...	4
Defective water closet flush pipe repaired... ..	5

#### Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials

Number of Licences issued for the Manufacture of Rag Flock ... ..	1
Number of Premises registered for the use of filling materials for the purpose of Upholstering and the Stuffing and/or Filling of Bedding... ..	2

Two visits have been made in this connection.

#### Pet Shops

Number of Licences issued to keep Pet Shops	2
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Two visits have been made in this connection.

#### Hairdressers and Barbers

Section 120 of the West Riding County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951, requiring the registration of hairdressers, and barbers and their premises to be registered, is in force in the District. Byelaws under the provisions of this Section of the Act have been made.

Number of business and premises registered ... ..	14
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Two inspections have been made

# INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

## Food Premises

The following list shows the recorded number of food premises in the District:-

Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	4
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	18
Grocers and Grocer/Mixed	...	...	...	...	...	55
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	10
Confectioners - Flour.	...	...	...	...	...	7
Sugar.	...	...	...	...	...	20
Fried Fish	...	...	...	...	...	12
Wet Fish	...	...	...	...	...	2
Tripe	...	...	...	...	...	1
Catering - Hotel	...	...	...	...	...	1
Canteen (Factory)	...	...	...	...	...	8
School Meals Kitchens..	...	...	...	...	...	3
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	16
Clubs and Institutes..	...	...	...	...	...	6
Chemists	...	...	...	...	...	3
Wholesale Food Warehouses and Stores	...	...	...	...	...	6
Tripe and Edible Fat Manufacture..	...	...	...	...	...	1
Meat Product Manufacture (not included in "Butchers")	...	...	...	...	...	1
Market Food Stalls - Meat Products	...	...	...	...	...	4
Fish...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	2
Greengrocers.	...	...	...	...	...	12
Biscuits	...	...	...	...	...	3
Flour Confectionery	...	...	...	...	...	3
Sugar Confectionery	...	...	...	...	...	4
Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	...	1

## Meat and Preserved Food

There is no slaughterhouse in the District, but supplies of meat to the town have been maintained - the whole of the meat coming from slaughtering establishments in adjoining Districts.

Number of premises used for the preparation of preserved food and registered under the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act	...	26
Number of inspections of registered premises	39	
Number of inspections of butchers' shops	25	

## Milk

Number of Registered Distributors of Milk	...	44
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Twenty-eight visits have been made to milk shops,

### Designated Milk:-

(a) Licences:- Tuberculin Tested - Dealers	...	3
Supplementary	14	
Pasteurised Dealers	...	3
Supplementary	14	
Sterilised Dealers	...	38
Supplementary	5	

### (b) Samples obtained:-

		Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory
Tuberculin Tested	...	1	-
T.T.(Pasteurised)	...	2	-
Pasteurised	...	1	-
Sterilised	...	3	-

The Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) (No.2) Order, 1954, is in force in the District.

## Ice Cream

Number of premises registered for the Sale of  
Ice Cream ... .. 48 (41)

### Samples obtained:-

The graded results of samples of ice cream taken and submitted for examination by the Methylene Blue Reduction Test are as follows:-

Total number of samples taken ... .. 20 (23)

### Results:-

Grade 1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12 (16)
Grade 2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 ( 4)
Grade 3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 ( 3)
Grade 4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 ( 1)

(The figures in brackets relate to the previous year)

The above samples were obtained from ten different sources and samples obtained from two sources (manufactured outside the District) were unsatisfactory. Information relating to the unsatisfactory samples was forwarded to the Public Health Inspector of the Districts concerned.

In addition to visits made for the purpose of taking samples of ice cream, 20 visits have been made in connection with the sale of ice cream.

### Inspection of Food Premises

The following is a summary of inspections made of food premises:-

Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Meat Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Food preparing premises.	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
General Food Shops.	...	...	...	...	...	...	82
Cafe Kitchens.	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Licensed Premises..	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
School Meals Service	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

### Handling and Distribution of Food

Below is set out a summary of the work done and the provisions made by food traders in order to comply with verbal notices issued after the coming into operation last year of the Food Hygiene Regulations:-

Use of unsatisfactory rooms discontinued.....	2
Equipment cleansed .....	2
Fittings repaired .....	1
Adequate drainage to premises provided .....	2
Water closets cleansed and/or re-decorated....	4
Notices re "Washing Hands" fixed in/near waterclosets .....	12
Improved water supply provided .....	4
Washhand basins provided .....	24
Soap and towels provided .....	2
Nail brushes provided .....	81
First aid equipment provided ..	74
Lockers or other suitable outdoor clothing store provided .....	4
Sinks provided .....	22
Water heaters provided .....	37
Roofs repaired.....	2
Ceilings repaired....	5
Walls repaired .....	6
Floors repaired.....	6
Woodwork repaired....	3
Ceilings cleansed and/or re-decorated .....	22
Walls cleansed and/or re-decorated...	25
Windows cleansed.....	2
Yards cleansed .....	2



## Education

During the Autumn, a six week's course on Food Hygiene was conducted at the local evening institute. The course was arranged in conjunction with the Ashlar and Spen Valley Institute for Further Education, and the classes were well attended - those attending included butchers, bakers, fish friers, canteen assistants, grocers, and assistants and confectioners and assistants.

During the year 46 visits have been made to the Markets at which there are a number of food stalls. Market traders dealing in meat products and confectionery have provided portable covered counter fronts for the protection of food.

## Food Inspection

The following foodstuffs were inspected and found to be unfit for human consumption, were surrendered and subsequently destroyed or disposed of by burying on the refuse tip:-

	lbs.
Canned Cooked Ham ... ..	262 $\frac{3}{4}$
Canned Ox Tongue ... ..	78
Canned Corned Beef ... ..	36
Canned Pork Luncheon Meat ..	12
Canned Stewed Steak ..	1
Canned Calves Tongue..	$\frac{3}{4}$
Canned Chopped Pork ..	$\frac{3}{4}$
Canned Pilchards ... ..	$\frac{1}{2}$
Canned Salmon ... ..	$\frac{1}{2}$
Canned Tomatoes ... ..	2
Canned Processed Peas. ... ..	2
Canned Cream ... ..	6 ozs.
Canned Frozen Whole Egg ...	41
Canned Jam ... ..	2
Canned Fruit ... ..	19
Canned Tomatoe Juice..	8
Bacon ... ..	27 $\frac{1}{2}$
Haddock Fillets ... ..	140

## INSPECTIONS SUMMARY

The following is a summary of visits made during the year:-

	Number of visits
Housing-Inspection of dwellinghouses....	441
Overcrowding ....	170
Demolition ....	34
Re-housing ....	10
Other visits ....	20
Nuisances - Accumulations...	11
Animals ....	1
Dust or effluvia....	4
Drains etc. ....	59
Closets ....	39
Drainage-Inspection and testing of drainage work ....	181
Refuse-Storage Accommodation ....	260
Collection and Disposal ....	240
Infectious Diseases ....	103
Food Poisoning ....	73
Water Supply ....	67
Rodent Control ....	417
Insect Infestation Control..	8
Smoke Abatement-Observations ....	8
Premises visited .....	2



Food and Food Inspection - Visits for Food Insp.					22
Bakehouses ...					12
Meat Shops ...					25
Food Preparing Prem.					39
General Food Shops					82
Cafe Kitchens ...					10
Canteens ...					7
Licensed Premises.					6
School Meals Premises					4
Markets ...					46
Milk Shops ...					28
Ice Cream-Sale of					20
Sampling - Water ...					10
Milk ...					4
Ice Cream ...					20
Factories	...	...	...	...	68
Shops	...	...	...	...	45
Offensive Trades..	...	...	...	...	5
Rag Flock Manufactory and Stores	...	...	...	...	2
Hairdressers and Barbers	...	...	...	...	2
Pet Shops	...	...	...	...	2
Sanitary Conveniences-Public..	...	...	...	...	10
Licensed Premises					6
Schools.					1
Mortuary	...	...	...	...	5
Dangerous Buildings - Referred to Surveyor ..					2
Waste of Water-Referred to Surveyor.					8
Miscellaneous Visits, Interviews, &c.					1586

#### PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

From 1949 to 1957 notifications received in respect of Infectious Disease (excluding Tuberculosis) distributed as follows:-

	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
Scarlet Fever ...	12	11	13	36	23	8	3	4	8
Whooping Cough...	51	23	70	40	32	20	23	10	2
Diphtheria ...	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Measles ...	27	162	85	17	218	52	76	1	218
Acute Pneumonia..	4	1	8	1	Nil	2	2	1	7
Acute Poliomyelitis	5	Nil	Nil	1	1	-	3	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas ...	1	2	1	Nil	1	2	-	2	-
Cerebro-Spinal									
Meningitis	-	Nil	Nil	1	-	-	-	1	-
Ophthalmia									
Neonatorum	-	1	Nil	Nil	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery ...	-	12	Nil	1	42	9	9	6	6
Para Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-
Food Poisoning..	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	13

#### Scarlet Fever

All the cases were of a mild type and no case was removed to hospital.

#### Food Poisoning

7 cases occurred in the month of April and were confined to two families. The first case was notified as suspected Dysentery, but bacteriological examination revealed *Salmonella Typhimurium* and this organism was isolated from each of the other cases. The two families lived in different parts of the town and no source could be found for the infection. The first notified case (girl of 5 years) remained a carrier for three months.

The other 6 cases were considered to arise from the consumption of a processed meat loaf. This was sold in small quantities from a 7lb. tin. No organism was isolated from the meat or from the patients.

From the symptoms it was considered that the cause was a Bacteriol Toxin. No proof was obtained of the manner in which the meat became involved.

Measles - The age distribution of cases followed the usual pattern. There were no fatal cases and no serious complications were reported.

#### Immunisation against Diphtheria

The following were immunised against Diphtheria during the year:-

110 children under school age.  
8 school children  
53 children received a "reinforcing" injection.

#### Immunisation against Poliomyelitis

In January of this year the Scheme was extended to allow General Practitioners to give poliomyelitis injections, and in May the Scheme was further extended to include children born between the years 1955 and 1956.

269 children received two injections during the year.

#### Tuberculosis

New cases notified		Male	Female	Total
Age group 15-25 years	...	1	1	2
Age group 45-55 years	...	1	1 +	2
Age group 55-65 years	...	1	-	1
Age group 65 and upwards	...	1	1	<u>2</u>
				<u>7</u>

+ Non-pulmonary case

#### Cases of Tuberculosis

	PULM.		NON.PULM.	
	M	F	M	F
(a) No. on Register at commencement of year	20	16	7	5
(b) No. of cases notified for first time during year	3	2	-	1
(c) No. of cases added to Register otherwise than by notification	1	-	-	-
(d) No. of cases removed from Register	3	3	3	-
(e) No. of cases remaining on Register	21	15	4	6